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Corps of Engineers says "No charge for Blue Roofs"

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reminds residents who have been affected by Hurricane Wilma that temporary roof repairs done under Operation Blue Roof, a FEMA-assigned mission managed by the Corps, are always done at no cost to the homeowner.

"We have received reports of some unscrupulous individuals posing as Corps of Engineers contractors, offering to install a blue roof for a charge," said Ltc. Andrew Goetz, deputy commander of the Wilma Recovery Office, in West Palm Beach.

"Anyone offering to install a blue roof for a fee is absolutely not associated with the Corps of Engineers or its legitimate contractors."

"If you are approached by anyone asking for payment to install a FEMA Blue Roof, please report them to local law enforcement authorities," stated Dennis Henley, security officer for the Jacksonville District. "It would be helpful if you noted a physical description of anyone who approaches you in this manner – including their clothing. A description of their vehicle and license plate number will also help."